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for Fiscal Year 2002  
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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**  
Doug Sutherland - Commissioner of Public Lands

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■ The nearshore environment is a place of transition between the uplands and the submerged lands, and is vital to shellfish, young salmon, and other aquatic life. Appealing and accessible to humans, the nearshore is also under pressure. In 2002, data from DNR's nearshore inventory project was named as the best available science to use in making decisions under the Growth Management Act that could impact this area. Photo: H. Berry / DNR

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■ Farmers who lease state trust lands from DNR have made these lands Washington's leading wheat producer. In 2002, state lands produced 1.65 million bushels of wheat, about 1 percent of the state's total wheat harvest.

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### **DNR has varied responsibilities**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages more than 5 million acres of forest, range, commercial, agricultural and aquatic lands. Most of these lands produce income to support state services and provide many other public benefits as well: outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and clean air and water.

DNR also regulates surface mining reclamation and forest debris burning, and administers Forest Practices rules on private and state-owned forests.

DNR provides technical assistance and education on forest stewardship, mining, geologic hazards, and rare plant species and ecosystems, and provides wildfire protection for 12 million acres of private and state-owned unimproved forests.

### **About this Report**

DNR's annual report provides information required by the following statutes:

#### **RCW 79.01.744**

- Description of agency activity, fiscal and other.
- Timber harvest and forest management data.

#### **RCW 76.12.110 and 79.64.030**

- Accounting of land management payments made by one fund on behalf of the other.

Accounting is for Fiscal Year 2002  
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